

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points raised by the Examiner in the Office Action and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The application as examined includes claims 1 - 27. In the present response, claims 1 - 2, 5 - 7, 11, 19, 21, and 25 - 26 are amended. Claims 3 - 4, 8, and 22 are unchanged. Claims 9 - 10 and 23 - 24 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 12 - 18, 20, and 27 are canceled without prejudice. No new claims are added.

Support for amendments to the claims is set forth hereinbelow, with reference to the application as published in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0136515:

The claimed feature recited in claims 1, 11, and 25 as “each session has a Lead-In and a Lead-Out, both containing Q-data” is disclosed and illustrated in the present application in Figure 4;

The claimed feature recited in claims 1, 11, and 25 as “information in the Q-data of at least one session’s Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session” is disclosed in the present application in Figure 4 and paragraphs [0012] and [0027]; and

The claimed feature recited in claims 1, 11, and 25 as “none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session’s Lead-Out which references a primary volume descriptor of that session” is disclosed in the present application in Figure 4 and *inter alia* paragraphs [0006], [0011], [0023] and [0026].

Claim 13 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form, and stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, the Applicants are canceling claim 13.

Claims 1 - 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,390,159 to Schylander (“Schylander”).

Claims 8, 11 - 20, and 25 - 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schylander in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0109393 of Hahn (“Hahn”).

The present invention provides navigation of a multiple session audio disc without the provision of backward pointers from the Lead-Out of a session to a primary volume descriptor, and having copy-protection by placing an erroneous identification in the Lead-In of an audio data session with an indicator that the session is non-audio data.

Schylander describes apparatus for recording information on a disc and for reading recorded information from the disc.

Hahn describes copy-protecting a disc by altering triplets of data in the Lead-In area to be non-uniform.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection

The Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1 - 7 on the grounds that Schylander fails to disclose or reasonably suggest all the limitations of independent claim 1. In particular, Schylander fails to disclose or reasonably suggest

wherein none of the sessions has a pointer from the Lead-Out which references control data of that same session

The Office Action (page 4) cites Schylander Figure 4 “LO1”, “LO2”. However, this figure fails to disclose omission of pointers from either LO1 or LO2. To the contrary, Schylander subsequently discloses (column 15 lines 37 - 40) that such a pointer is required:

[Schylander column 15 lines 37 - 40] ***“A reference to the initial address of the volume descriptor VD included in the information volume may then be included in the lead-out as required”*** (emphasis added)

Schylander’s “reference to the initial address” constitutes a pointer, and the “volume descriptor VD” constitutes control data for the session.

While continuing to respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection, the Applicants are amending independent claims 1, 11, and 25 to further distinguish the present claims over the cited prior art of Schylander, and to recite an additional novel and inventive feature. The Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art references, individually as

well as in combination, fail to show or suggest at least the following features recited in amended independent claims 1, 11, and 25:

none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out which references a primary volume descriptor of that session; and

information in the Q-data of at least one session's Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session.

The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended independent claims 1, 11, and 25 are patentable over the art of record. The remainder of the claims each depend directly or ultimately from the amended independent claims, and therefore are also allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions about this paper or the associated application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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